



~ Sweet life as a dog ~

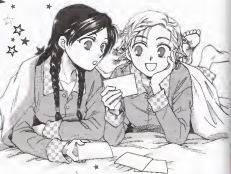
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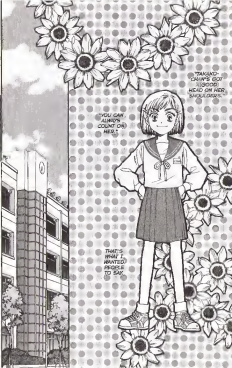
Our story so far:

*Shin wanted to be free of his dog for almost as long as he could
before meeting her, but Shin's mind is worried that Shin
will be lost. It seems that misunderstanding is finally
resolved, right?*





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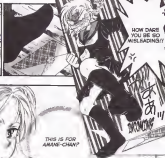


"TAKAKO-
DAIJI'S GOT
A GOOD
HEAD ON HER
SHOULDER."

"YOU CAN
ALMOST
COUNT ON
HER."

"THAT'S
WHAT I
WANTED
PEOPLE
TO SAY."





CHAPTER 100
THE END OF THE ROAD



ANY
KEY?

GET
THAT
LITTLE
ARMED
HERE...



I DO
HAVE A
COUGH
THAT
DOESN'T
MEAN
I'M NOT
HUNGRY!

...AND
THOSE
HELPINGS
OF BREAK-
FAST THIS
MORNING!

AND
SHE SAID
SHE HAD
A COUGH

I GUESS
THE RIGHT
THING TO
DO...

...WOULD BE
TO GIVE IT TO
AMANE-CHAN
BUT...

NOT NO
"GUTS"... I
DON'T HAVE
A CHOICE

BUT... I
WONDER IF
WHOEVER WROTE
THIS KNOWS
ABOUT KYOU-
KUN?





MOVING
AHEAD...

...SHE'LL
GO AHEAD
AND DO AS
THE LETTER
REQUESTED.

IN
ORDER
FOR THEM
TO BE
HAPPY...

...THEY
HAD TO
RETURN
TO THE
VILLAGE...

...THEY
ALREADY
THEY'LL
START
GOING
OUT OF
ANYTHING.

BUT
IT'S NOT
LIKE...

I DON'T
WANT
THEM TO
FIGHT
ANYMORE.

...WHICH
WAS A
PAINFUL
EXPERIENCE
FOR BOTH
OF THEM.



IT'S
JUST
THAT...



I'M TORN
AGAIN, WHEN
I THINK
ABOUT WHAT
MIGHT
HAPPEN.
I GET ALL
WORKED...



YOU
PLANNING
ON MAKING A
THOUSAND
PAPER
CRANE BY?

BUT...

NOTHING

MAYBE I
COULD
SHOW UP
FIRST AND
TELL THE
GUY TO
BACK OFF.



I WAS
THINKING
ABOUT SOME
THING ELSE,
AND I JUST
STARTED

NO

TH-
THIS
JUST...



A
THOUSAND
PAPER
CRANE...
OH?



HEH
HEH

OH?
YOU HAVE
THAT MUCH
FREE TIME
DURING MY
CLASS?

N-
NO,
GIRL



WELL,
FORGET
IT.



...SO
THAT IT
DOESN'T
COME
BETWEEN
HER AND
MOLUET?

HOW
SHOULD I
TELL HER
ABOUT IT...

I
NEED TO
FIGURE
OUT
WHAT
TO DO...

...ABOUT
THAT
LETTER.

ATTEND...

IT'S
GOTTEN
HARDER
TO HAND
THIS OVER.

AAAAH
...
I WAS
SO DIS-
TRACTED
I DIDN'T
EVEN
NOTICE
IT WAS
LUNCH
TIME...

U
A
W
H
!

ARE
YOU ALSO
GOING TO
WAKE A
CRANE OUT
OF THAT?

THAT'S
AMAZING
AOI!







YOU UNDERSTAND
HOW IMPORTANT
HYOU-KUN IS
TO ANANE-
CHAN, RIGHT?



I DON'T
REALLY KNOW
HOW YOU FEEL
ABOUT HER,
BUT...

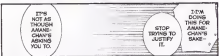


YOU'RE
BUTTING
IN...



WOULD
YOU PLEASE
STOP TRYING
TO COME
BETWEEN...

...ANANE-
CHAN AND
HYOU-KUN?









SAME
OLD
THING...
I
DID IT
AGAIN.

**DON'T
BUTT IN!!**



FOLLOWING
ME ALL
THE WAY
TO THE
VILLAGE...

HAVE I
BEEN
DOING
IT TOO
MUCH?

ALWAYS
POUNCE MY
HORN INTO
HER BUSI-
NESS...



WHAT IS
ALL THIS
TALK...

OHAYO,
SO...

...YOU
WANT 30
COPIES
BACK,
RIGHT?

YEAH,
IF YOU
COULD,
THANKS.

THE
TEACHER
ASKED
ME TO DO
SOME-
THING,
SO...

...I CAN'T
WALK HOME
WITH YOU
TODAY.

...I'VE
JUST
BEEN
GETTING
IN ABB
HAY?



I
WANTED
PEOPLE
TO RELY
ON ME.

IT
DIDN'T
MATTER
WHO IT
WAS...

IF I HAD
HELPING
SOMEONE
ELSE, I'D
PUT ALL
MY EFFORT
INTO IT.



I'VE BEEN
DOING THIS
SINCE I WAS
LITTLE.



HEY,
KARU-
MOTO ...

AREN'T
YOU
GOING TO
TELL THE
TEACHER
ABOUT
THIS?



SO
EVEN IN
JUNIOR
HIGH...



DIE!



...
IT'S
OKAY
...

NO
REALLY,
IT'LL BE
FINE! I'LL
GO WITH
YOU TO
TALK TO
HER!





I DIDN'T
THINK
I'D BE
REJECTED.



IT'S
NOT A
BIG DEAL!
FORGET IT!

BUT THE
TEACHER
COULD—

IF THEY
THINK I
TATTLED
IT'S
JUST GET
WORSE...

STOP
IT!

DON'T
BUTT IN!!



...DECIDED
KAWAMOTO
COULD
TAKE
CARE OF
HERSELF.

AND
SO I...

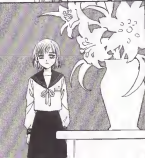


BUT
THEN...

IT'S AN
EMERGENCY!



KAWAMOTO
TRIED
TO KILL
HERSELF!!



FROM
NOW
ON...

AFTER ALL
I'M THE
TOP-GUN
LAWYER

I'LL
NOT ASK
PEOPLE TO
COME TO
ME.

...I'LL
JUST FIND
MY OWN
BUSINESS.

I DON'T
NEED
ANYBODY
ELSE

WOW
THOSE WERE
REALLY A
BAD FEW
YEARS...

NOW
WE'RE ALL
HELPING
BY FOLLOWING
YOUR
COUNSEL

DON'T
YOU ALL
KNOW HOW
YOU USED
TO BE
HELPFUL?

YOU DID
NOTHING,
AND NOW
IT'S TOO
LATE!



I WANTED TO
BE SOMEONE
I COULD
LIKE...

BUT, SHE'S
ACTUALLY JUST
VERY SHUTTERED.
SHE'S GOT NO
SENSE FOR
TECHNOLOGY.

SHE
WAS SO
SWEET, BUT
SEEMED SO
HELPLESS...

I
WANTED TO HELP
HER
FIGURE
THINGS
OUT.



SO, I
COULDN'T
JUST STAND
BY AND
LEAVE HER
ALONE.

HER
SACRIFICY
AND
STRENGTH
MOVED
ME...

...AND I
REALIZED
I WANTED
TO BE
MORE LIKE
HER.

...I
WOULD
HATE
MYSELF
EVER
MORE.

IF I
BETRAYED
MY FRIEND
NOW...





BUT I'M
JUST NOT
THAT KIND OF
PERSON...!



EITHER
THAT,
OR THE
PERSON
SENDING
THE
LETTERS
...

...IS
JUST
VERY
PICKY!



TARGETS
??

SINCE I
WASN'T
RESPOND-
ING...

...THEY
SWITCHED
TARGETS,
DON'T YOU
THINK?

*Before you
guessing that
for that brief
I don't think that
was possible
with you...*

I'VE
BEEN
GETTING
THESE ALL
WEEK.



HUH?
HEY, YOU
GUYS...

RATTLE

AND
TOLD US
BOTH TO
MEET HIM
TODAY...

...HAS
SOME-
THING IN
MIND FOR
BOTH OF
US.

WHOMEVER
IT IS...

HAVE
YOU SEEN
NISHINA
ANYWHERE?

He wouldn't be here
anywhere.



RATTLE

DID HE
LEAVE
ALREADY



I'M NOT
GOING TO
INTERFERE



...GOING
TO SCOPE
OUT THE
SCENE A
LITTLE.

I'M
ALREADY



RUN UP

WH...
WHAT IS
THIS?

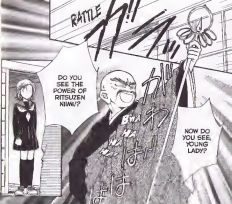
SOME-
BODY!

OPEN
UP!

BAH

CHILL







WAIT, SO
YOU'RE
THE ONE
WHO SENT
THAT NOTE
TO ANANE-
CHAN?



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WHAT
ARE YOU
DOING
HERE?

WHAT
ABOUT THE
YOUNG
LADY, KA-
KORI?



...



I WAS
OBVIOUSLY
LYING AND
THIS WAS ALL
A TRICK!
IT



THIS
MIGHT
BEIN
TERRIBLY
RUDE
OF ME, BUT...

...YOU
DO REALIZE
THERE'S
GUTS AN AGE-
DIFFERENCE,
RIGHT?



AAAH...

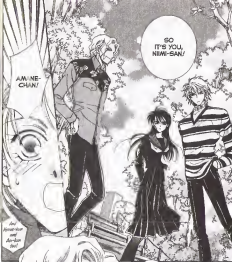


NO, WAIT!
THERE
WAS JUST
A LITTLE
MISTAKE...

UUAH

DIDN'T
YOU
PROMISE
ME TO
GET SOME
GREAT
FOOTAGE

WHAT
IS THE
MEANING
OF THAT?



AMINE-CHAN!

SO
IT'S YOU,
NEMI-SAN!

Just about time
and a little later!



BRINGING
THE TV
STAFF WITH
YOU...

IS THIS
REVENGE
FOR WHAT
HAPPENED
LAST TIME?



SO UNTIL I PROVE
HOW MY
POWER OF
BUDDHISM
IS SUPERIOR

...I
CANNOT
REST!

THANKS
TO YOU,
ALL FAITH
IN ME WAS
LOST...!

YOU
LITTLE...



PROVE,
YOU
SAY?

YOU'RE
NOT GONNA
PROVE
ANYTHING BY
CREATING
LITTLE
GHOSTIES
JUST TO PUT
ON A SHOW!



ENOUGH!

SO IT'S
COME TO
THIS...!



...END

... PRO-
TRATE
YOURSELF
BEFORE
THE
CAMERAS
FOR ME!

IF YOU
DON'T
WANT
YOUR
FRIEND
TO GET
HURT...

WHA
...!?

HUH?

...AND
APOLOGIZE
AS A MEMBER
OF THE
KAWORI
FAMILY!

ACKNOW-
LEDGE MY
POWER...

YOU
...

WHAT
KIND OF
MONK
ARE
YOU?

AHH,
THAT'S
SO
CUTE.





BECAUSE
I GOT
INVOLVED
HADN'T IT
WASN'T MY
PLACE...

YOU
CAN'T
DO
THIS.

YOU
CAN'T...

I'M
CAUSING
TROUBLE
FOR JIHNE-
CHAN.

...DE-
SERVED
THIS.

...I
BUTTED
IN.

EVEN
THOUGH
SHE
COULDN'T
ASK ME
TO...

BECAUSE
I...

...YOU
DON'T
HAVE TO
GET AN
OUT OF
IT, JIHNE-
CHAN.

I GOT
MYSELF
INTO THIS
MESS, SO...

I
WANTED
TO BE
NEEDED.

I...

...WANTED
TO THINK I
WAS BEING
HELPFUL.

I...





IN
THAT
CASE...

...ALLOW
ME TO
DO THE
SAME.



BUT...

I...

...DISLIKE
HAVING TO
DO THIS.

WHY
WOULD
YOU
DOING IT?

FOR

GRAB !!!









SHE MUST
HAVE BEEN
PRETTY
PISSED.





I'M
REALLY
SORRY...

I
WANTED
TO BE
USEFUL,
SO...

...I TRIED
TO SELL
MYSELF ON
THE IDEA
THAT YOU
NEEDED
ME.

IT WAS
ALL FOR
MY OWN
SAKE...



I'LL STOP
BRINGING
NOISE...



I WAS
WORRIED...



YOU
KNOW,
L...



THAT
WOULDN'T
DO ANY
GOOD.



HUH?/





AWAKE-
CHAR...

DO YOU
THINK
THAT'S JUST
MY EGO?



!?

BUMP

HA
HA!



ALL THE
MONEY
AND
POWER

WANT
TO
WIN

EVERY
JACK
HAS HIS
JELLY



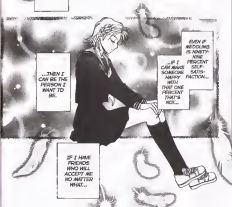
THIS IS
GOOD
STUFF

IF
THERE'S
A SELLER
AND A BUYER,
WE'VE GOT
A DEAL!



ACH-KUN,
YOU'RE THE
ONE WHO
SAID I WAS
JUST DOING
IT FOR MY-
SELF...

WHAT
...?!



REALLY.

YOU
GUYS ARE
HOPELESS!

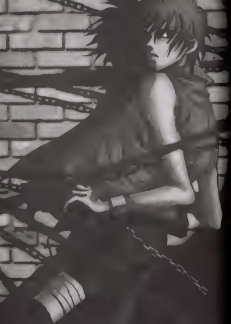
...THEN I
CAN ACCEPT
MYSELF, AS
WELL.

BUT,
ANYWAY...

HOW
DID A
CRANE
TURN
INTO AN
AIRPLANE?

Don't
forget!

Chapter 10



DOGFIGHT 28





WE'RE
HAVING A
PARTY!



WHAT?



KNOWING
ANAMI-
CHIA...
...SHE'S
NEVER HAD
A BIRTHDAY
PARTY
BEFORE,
RIGHT?



NOW
THAT YOU
MENTION
IT...

ANAMI-
CHIA'S
BIRTHDAY IS
THE SUNDAY
AFTER NEXT,
ISN'T IT?

A
BIRTHDAY
PARTY.



NOT
REALLY...

ASIDE
FROM SOME
STIFF AND
FORMAL-
TYPE CER-
EMONIES

HERE'S
THE THING
ABOUT
BIRTHDAYS.

THAT
SOUND
GOOD...

SEE?

THAT'S
WHO WE'RE
GONNA SHOW
HER WHAT A
REAL PARTY
IS!

BIRTH-
DAY
KID?

IT'S A
DAY FOR
YOU TO BE
CONGRATU-
LATED...

...AND A
DAY FOR
YOU TO BE
THANKFUL...

IT'S
NOT
JUST
ABOUT
FUN!

WHAT
IS IT WITH
YOU HUMANS
AND MAKING
SUCH A BIG
DEAL OUT
OF SILLY THINGS?
YOU'LL
TAKE ANY
EXCUSE
TO HAVE
FUN...

FOR EVERY-
ONE, IT'S
A SPECIAL
DAY...

...TO
SAY "I'M
THANKFUL
YOU WERE
BORN!"

FOR
BEING
BORN
INTO THIS
WORLD

FOR ALL
THE YEARS
YOU'VE
LIVED

FOR
ALL THE
FRIENDS
YOU'VE
MET

AND...

SO SHE
HASN'T
REALLY
HAD THAT
MUCH
TIME...

...TO JUST
HANG OUT
AND HAVE
FUN WITH
GAB

ANNE-
CHAN'S
TIME HERE
IN TOKYO...
...HAS
ONLY BEEN
DURING
HER HIGH
SCHOOL
CAREER

WE'LL
CALL IT
"PROJECT
MAKE
AMANE-
CHAN
CRY"!!

A PARTY
THAT'LL
MAKE HER
WEEP WITH
HAPPINESS!

YEAH!

WELL,
THEN...

WE
HAVE TO
GIVE HER
A BIRTHDAY
PARTY THAT
SHE'LL
REMEMBER
FOR THE
REST OF
HER LIFE.
♡

ARE YOU
FREE TWO
SUNDAYS
FROM
NOW?

AMANE-
CHAN!

THANKS...

EH...?



BUT...

IT WAS DECIDED
ANYWAY,
SO...

WHAT
KIND OF
PRESENT
SHOULD I
GET HER?



NO
MATTER
WHAT, I
DON'T WANT
TO LOSE
TO RITSUKANE...

I
SUPPOSE
I SHOULD
GET HER
SOMETHING
SPECIAL IN
EASTWALL...

KNOWING
JANNE-
CHAN...

...SHE'D
BE HAPPY
WITH
ANYTHING,
BUT...

...SINCE
THIS IS
"PROJECT
MAKE HER
CRY".

BOWS A
KOMA-OMI,
I WAS ONLY
CREATED
TO SERVE
HUMANS...

...SO,
I DON'T
REALLY
UNDER-
STAND.



LONG
AGO...

MY
FATHER
HAD ONE
THAT
LOOKED A
LOT LIKE
IT...

AWAKE?

*High
Friend
Days*

THAT
POCKET
WATCH...

SOME-
THING
SPECIAL
ABOUT
IT?



I'D CRY
AND SCREAM
AND BE
COMPLETELY
OUT OF
CONTROL
OVER IT.

WHEN
I WAS
LITTLE...

...I
WANTED IT
SO BADLY.



YEAH?



I CAN'T
EVEN...
PICTURE
THAT...

BEING
UNREASONABLE
AND SELFISH, OR
TAKING
A FIT...

YOU AREN'T
GOING TO ACT
LIKE THAT.

AREN'T
NOT THE
TYPE TO GET
ATTACHED
TO SOME-
THING...

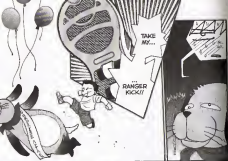


EVEN I
USED TO
HAVE TAN-
TRUMS.

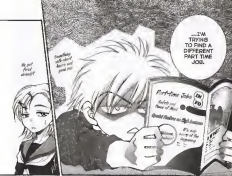
Should
I do I really
remember?



...I WANTED
TO GIVE HER
THAT WATCH,
NO MATTER
WHAT.



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YOU CAN SHOW ME HOW?



AND...THE PART-TIME SALARY IS VERY FAIR.

A FRIEND OF MINE IN THE INDUSTRY...
...IS LOOKING FOR A NEW FACE...



INT-SLIMING!



DANGER-
OUS?
IF

LEAVE A STUNT OR SOMETHING?

...I'D UNDER-
STAND IF YOU DIDN'T WANT TO DO IT, KOU-
KUN...

BUT, HOW DO I SAY THIS...? IT'S A LITTLE DANGEROUS, SO...



COME ON, THAT'S WHAT I'M BEST AT!

LEAVE IT TO ME!



He just knows he's getting to play the role of a winner!



MT...

...WHAT
THE...?

...TSU...

...H
I
N
E
E
E
!!



I'M
SUPPOSED
YOU'VE EVEN
BELIEVED ME
THIS FAR...

...BELIEVE
WOOD
YOU SAY
AGAIN?

I'LL
NEVER
STOP

YOU'RE
ACTUALLY
SAYING...

...I
SHOULD
WORK IN
SUCH A
DUMPT?

I'M
GOING
HOME!

MMMM

*He should have vented
it before sleeping.*







THAT'S
YOU,
PYOKO-
CHAN.

WOULD
SUCH
A GRIM
NAME, IT'LL
SCARE THE
CUSTOM-
ERS.



I'M SO
SORRY!

THIS IS
PYOKO-
CHAN'S
FIRST
DAY.



YOU...

YOU CAN'T
BE SERIOUS
ABOUT THAT
NAME—

IF YOU KEEP
COMPLAINING
I'LL STICK CAT
EARS ON YOUR
SORRY BUTT!

PYOKO,
AT YOUR
SERVICE!

Anything
but not
serv!

The young
boy with
spiky hair
was...



...JUST
GOT DUMP-
ED BY MY
GIRLFRIEND
(?) AND
I'M SOOOO
LONELY.



WILL YOU
COMFORT
ME?



SO YOU'RE
NAME'S POKO-
CHAN, EH?

HOW
CUTE!!

25 years
in a row

3 more
in 25
more



POKO-
KOOOO
!!

Remember a
pet dog C.O?

HELL NO!
BUY YOUR-
SELF A
CHINPANDA
OR SOME-
THING!

UNDER-
STAND?

STAFF ROOM



Y...YES,
SIR...

What about
that...
Annoy
Annoy?

SO KEEP
THOSE DRINKS
WATERED DOWN,
AND MAKE
AS MUCH AS
POSSIBLE!
IT'S THE
"WATER TRADE!"

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THE
CUSTOMERS
ARE THE
MONEY!

GO! THE
GUARDS
ARE
WALKING
WALLETS!

JUST
THINK OF
A NICE
PAY
WALLET!

YOU
WANT
ANTONIA
TO
REACT
WITH A
CUTE
HEART?



STARE

YOU
CAN
STEP
ON
ME
ALL
YOU
LIKE!
O

DO
YOUR
BEST
PYRO
CHAN!

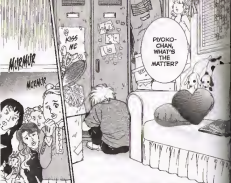
SOMEONE
I FELT IT WAS
THE BIGGEST
THREAT I'D
EVER FACED...













THAT'S
LOVE,
HON.



WHAT? YOU
WANTED TO BUY
SOMETHING
FOR YOUR
GIRLFRIEND,
RIGHT?

N-NO,
IT'S NOT
THAT...



IT
CAN'T BE
HELPED.

SUFFERING
IS A PART
OF LOVE.



...I
MADE
SURE
THOSE
FEELINGS
WENT
AWAY...



OH-
SHE'S NOT
MY GIRL-
FRIEND OR
ANYTHING.

SHE
COULDN'T
EVER BE
THAT.

AND...



IF HE
WEREN'T
TOTALLY
DEVOTED
TO THIS
GIRL...

...HE
WOULDN'T
BE ABLE
TO DO IT.



TO THINK
THAT A
STRANGAT
GUY...

...IS
WORKING
AT A PLACE
LIKE THIS!



...WANTED
TO MAKE
HER
HAPPY...

JUST...



E...



YOU
WORKED
HARD...

...FOR THE
SAKE OF
SOMEONE
YOU LOVE,
DIDN'T YOU?

E... I
DIDN'T
DO IT
SO-



FO
ALWAYS...

IT
MAKES
YOU FEEL
LIKE...

...YOU'VE
BEEN WAITING
AN ETERNITY
TO MEET
THAT ONE
PERSON.

...BEEN
WAITING...

AND
THE ONLY
THING MORE
AMAZING
THAN BEING
IN LOVE...

...IS
BEING
LOST IN
RETURN.



**I AM
STRAIGHT!!**

SO
EVEN IF THE
ONE YOU LOVE
IS STRAIGHT,
YOU CAN'T
GIVE UP!

I'M IN
LOVE WITH
A GUY,
OMG!! A GUY!

HANA!
WE'VE GOT
CUSTOM-
ERS!

COMING!

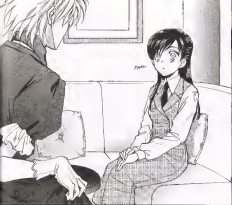


AAAIGH!!

HEY YOU
GUYS!

THIS CALL
FOR A GROUP
HUB IN O-
KOTO-CHINA'S
HONOR!





*PLEASE
STAND BY*





Don't put
the cards
out

Wah...
wah...
wah...

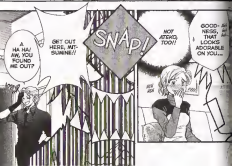
Wah-
wah-wah-
wah-wah...

Y...
Y...
Y...
YOU...



HYOU ...

E...



SNAP!

A
HA HA/
AND YOU
FOUND
ME OUT?

GET OUT
HERE, MT-
SUMINE!!

NOT
ATERO,
TOO!

GOOD-
NESS,
THAT
LOOKS
ADORABLE
ON YOU...

I DIDN'T
DO IT JUST
TO SASSY-
BASS YOU.

THIS IS
WHERE
WE'RE
HOLDING
THE PARTY.
♥

HOW
DARE YOU
BRING HER
HERE...!!

WHAT?

...SO I
MADE
RESER-
VATIONS
HERE.

WE'RE
HAVING A
PRE-
BIRTHDAY
PARTY...

WHAT
!?

HANZOU?

...I MADE
SURE TO
BRING A
CHAPERONE!
♥

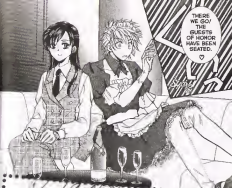
I KNEW
THAT'D
BE A
PROBLEM,
SO...

NEVER
MIND
WE'RE ALL
UNDERAGE
FOR A
PLACE
LIKE THIS!

YOU
IDiot
...

*Just for the
record, Han's
also underage...*





THERE WE GO!
THE GUESTS OF HONOR
HAVE BEEN SEATED.



GUESTS OF HONOR
JP

HUH?



TA-
DAAAA!

HUH?

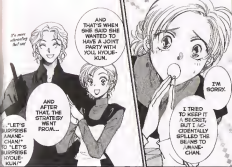
WELL, TODAY'S YOUR
BIRTHDAY, ISN'T IT?



I THOUGHT
WE SHOULD
CELEBRATE
TOGETHER,
SINCE WE
DON'T KNOW
YOUR BIRTH-
DAY.

I
DESIGNED
THE CAKE
MYSELF.





DON'T
WORRY.
I JUST
WANTED TO
GIVE YOU
SOMETHING.

B...
BUT, I...
I STILL
HAVEN'T
GOTTEN
YOU YOUR
PRESENT...

COME
ON,
OPEN
IT!

WHEN
IT

I HUH
IT



—
—
—



THIS
IS—!!



LOOK.

THERE'S
A LITTLE
ORGAN
IN IT.



POOT

POO



WHEN I
DECIDED I
WANTED TO
CELEBRATE
YOUR BIRTH-
DAY, TOO...

...THIS WAS
THE FIRST
THING THAT
CAME TO
MIND...

SO
AMANE
WAS THE
ONE WHO...



THE ONLY
THINGS MORE
AMAZING THAN
BEING IN LOVE...
...IS BEING LOVED
IN RETURN.

POOT
POO



...DIDN'T
NECESS-
SARILY
MEAN
YOU'D
LIKE IT,
TOO...

ASSUM-
ING THAT
BECAUSE
I SAID
I LIKED
IT...

OH!
I
GUESS
...



NO...

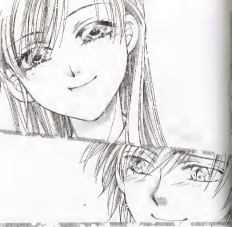
I'M
HAPPY

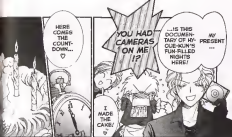
I'M SO
UNBELIEVABLY
HAPPY...

TH...

THANKS...







HERE COMES
THE COUNT-
DOWN...

YOU HAD
CAMERAS
ON ME
!?

...IS THIS DOCUMENT-
TARY OF HY-
QUE-KUN'S
FUN-FILLED
NIGHTS
HERE!

MY
PRESENT
...

I
MADE
THE
CAKE!



THEY SAY
THAT IF
YOU MAKE
A WISH
FROM THE
BOTTOM
OF YOUR
HEART...

...AND
BLOW
OUT THE
CANDLES,
IT'LL COME
TRUE.

WISH?

HAVE
YOU
MADE
YOUR
WISH?



I...
SEE...



THANK
YOU FOR
FINDING
ME.

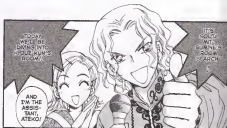
THANK
YOU...

... FOR
BEING
WITH ME.



THANK
YOU FOR
BEING
BORN.







ENTER



The group is
about to enter the
party venue!

TO THE
DAZZLING
AND FORBID-
DEN TWILIGHT
ZONE...



OKAY!



IS IT
JUST ME
OR...DID IT
GET COLD
ALL OF A
SUDDEN?

I CAN'T
EVEN SEE
ANY-
THING.



TURN
THE
LIGHT
ON...

RIGHT?



IS
RESEARCH
THEIR
TOP



THAT A
CITY

TH...THE
WOMAN IS
PRETTY
BUT...

REPORT IT
FIND A
ONE-ON-ONE
TUTOR

I JUST
STOPPED
ON SOME
THINGS

100

100

44 55 66

100

AND FOR THREE DAYS,
NO ONE SAW OR HEARD FROM THEM...

end.



DOGFIGHT 29





WHENEVER
ANYONE
GETS
VIOLENT
WITH
ME...

...YOU
HATE
GETS A
LITTLE
VIOLENT,
HIMSELF.

SORRY,
PRIESTS.

COME ON,
YOU.

YOU HAVE
A VERY BAD
HABIT OF
HITTING
PEOPLE
BEFORE
THEY
EXPLAIN

What are all
these people
saying?

See Translator's note



I'M
SORRY YOU
MISTOOK
IT FOR VIO-
LENCE...

STEP



GRABBING
SOMEONE
AND
FORCING
THEM INTO
A CAR...

...IS
DEFINITELY
WHAT
I'D CALL
VIOLENCE!

IS THE
MASTER
THE RE-
SPONSIBLE
PART??



I ONLY
WISHED
TO HAVE A
CHANCE TO
SPEAK WITH
YOU.

KIML..?

YOU ARE FAMILIAR WITH OTSUZUKA KIM, ARE YOU NOT?

THIS HUMBLE PRIEST YOU SEE BEFORE YOU IS MOUN TSUBASA FROM THE KANTO BRANCH OF THE HITSUMATSU ORGANIZATION.

THAT PRETENTIOUS MONK WHO'S ALWAYS SHOWING OFF AND GETTING IN THE WAY?

OH!

HE'S THAT!

HAH!

GA HIA HIA

FORTUNATELY HE IS IN THE LAND HOSPITAL BUT... WITH SEVERE INJURIES.

THEY'RE LOOKING FOR HIM...

THEY'RE MOUNTAINOUSLY ATTACKED



HE SAYS IT
WAS SOME-
ONE HE'D EN-
COUNTERED
BEFORE...

...AND
CAUGHT
SIGHT OF
THE PERPE-
TRATOR.

HIS
ATTENTION
DROVE
ONTO THE
SCENE...



BUT...

...WHAT'S
THIS
GOT TO
DO WITH
US?

THAT'S
A CITY.



A DEMON
PUT TO USE BY
A MEMBER OF A
FAMILY WHO CAN
USE KOTODAMA.

!?



SINCE IT
SEEMS THE
DEVON HERE
IS RATHER
HOT-
TEMPERED
...

ARE YOU
SAYING THAT
HISOLE
ATTACKED
HIM?

WH-
WHAT'S
THAT
SUPPOSED
TO MEAN
IF

ONLY
BECAUSE
HE START-
ED IT!

WE
WERE
THE VIC-
TIMS!

I'D HEARD
THAT YOU
HAD GOTTEN
INTO A
TUGGLE
WITH HIM
BEFORE.

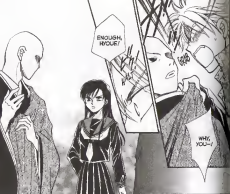
...IT IS
CERTAINLY
PLAUSIBLE THAT
HE'D ATTEMPT
TO ELIMINATE
ANYONE WHO'D
THREATENED
HIS MASTER.

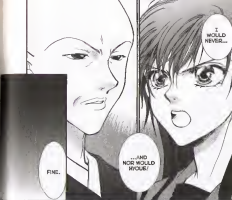
IT IS NOT
TOO FAR-
FETCHED
TO THINK
YOU'D WANT
REVENGE.

THAT
MUST
HAVE
UPSET
YOU.

IN
ANY
EVENT
...

...I AM
NOT SAY-
ING SUCH
A THING
COULD
ONLY BE
DONE BY
AN HEIR
OF KOTO-
DAMA.





FINE.

...AND
NOT WOULD
HYOU!

I
WOULD
NEVER...



IN THAT
CASE, IF
YOU WOULD
ALLOW US
TO CLEAR
THIS WHOLE
THING
UP...



POOP
VROOOOM



THIS IS
A FALSE
CHARGE!

THEY'VE
GOTTA
BE...

KIDDING
BEL?

ZAK...

SPLASH
11 7 7

A FALSE
ACCUSATION!
AN UNFOUNDED
ALLEGATION!



HE STILL
SUSPECTS
US!

I
KNOW...
I JUST
KNOW HE
DOES!



DON'T YOU
THINK IT'D BE
BETTER TO
JUST QUIT
WHILE YOU'RE
AHEAD?



YOU'RE
NOT JUST
GONNA SIT
BY QUIETLY
AND DO
NOTHING

...
BRIGHT,
AWAKE
IF



AT THIS
RATE, WE
COULD HAD
THE REAL
CRIMINAL

...
—AND
SEE IT IN
THAT NUT-
HEAD'S
FACE!



YEAH.

IF YOU
AREN'T
CAREFUL
ABOUT
GETTING
INVOLVED,
THIS COULD
TURN INTO
SOMETHING
BIGGER
THAN A
PETTY LITTLE
FIGHT...

THAT MAN
SAID HE WAS
FROM THE
GITSUNEI
ORGANIZATION,
CORRECT?

THAT MAN
SAID HE WAS
FROM THE
FITZSUNG
ORGANIZATION.
CORRECT?

604

THIS ISN'T A FIGHT.

ALL WE
WANT TO
DO IS
PROVE
OUR INNO-
CENCE.

OUT...

...THAT
DEFENDING
ORGANIZATION
IS VERY RISKY
TERRITORY.

SHE REALLY DOESN'T SEEM TO GET ALONG WITH THOSE WOMEN.

OH, MY
★
GUESS
I ACTUALLY
AGREE!



WELL,
IT

YOU
SURE KNOW
ALL THE
DETAILS,
GONG-BAI...



UNLIKE
WONG-CHAN
AND HIS
FRIENDS,
I'M NOT
MADE FOR
FIGHTING.

I'M A
WOMAN
FOR
GATH-
ERING
INFORMA-
TION.



WELL,
NOT
EXACTLY,
BUT...

SO, YOU'RE
SAIDING WE
SHOULD
THROGGL
OUR
THANKE
AND
LET THEM
TELL EVERY-
ONE WE'RE
CRIMINALS?

OHAY,
THEM!
★
HOW
ABOUT
THAT?

AT FACE
VALUE, IT
LOOKS LIKE
A NORMAL
ORGANIZATION
FOR ESOTERIC
BUDDHIST
TEACHINGS,
BUT...

...IT
CARRIES A
HUGE
PIPE IN THE
POLITICAL
AND ECONOM-
IC WORLD.

THERE ARE
EVEN RUMORS
THAT THEY'RE
RUNNING
A BEHIND-
THE-SCENES
CONSPIRACY
INVOLVING
CURSES!

★

AND ON
TOP OF THAT,
NOW IT SEEMS
THEY'RE SUFF-
ERING SOME
INTERNAL
PROBLEMS...



YOUR
MASTER,
GON-SAN?

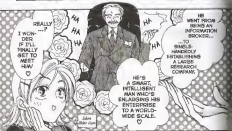
DO
YOU MEAN
ANAMI-
CHANE'S
UNCLE?

YES?



MY
MASTER
WILL BE
COMING
HOME NEXT
WEEK,
SO...

...WE'LL
ASK
HIM TO
THINK
UP A
STRATE-
GY FOR
US!



REALLY
...?

I WON-
DER
IF I'LL
FINALLY
GET TO
MEET
HIM!

HA
HA
HA

HA
HA
HA

HE
WENT FROM
BEING AN
INFORMATION
BROKER...

...TO
BOLDLY
HANDICAP
ESTABLISHING
A LARGE
RESEARCH
CONFRONT

HE'S
A SMART,
INTELLIGENT
MAN WHO'S
EXPANDING HIS
ENTERPRISE
TO A WORLD-
WIDE SCALE.



GO?

I
KNOW...

...THAT'S
WHAT WE
AGREED
TO, BUT...



...
UNTIL THE
OLD MAN
COMES
HOME?

DO YOU
REALLY
THINK MY
PATIENCE
WILL
LAST...



SUPER COVERT FOLLOWING TECHNIQUE

ISN'T
THIS...

...
GETTING
ON YOUR
KNEES?



GUSS
THERE'S
NO HELP
FOR IT...



...LEAD
US TO THE
MONK WHO
SAID HE WIT-
NESSED THE
ATTACK?

SO, IF
YOU'D
PLEASE...





I... DIDN'T...

...SEE
HIM...

ALL
I SAW WAS
A FORM IN
THE DARK-
NESS...

*I didn't see
his face!*

I-I
DIDN'T...



THEN...

...WHY
DID YOU
SAY IT
WAS
HYOUJI
IT

WHAT
DID YOU
SAY??

Eeeeep!



JUDGING BY
THE WOUNDS,
IT DIDN'T
LOOK LIKE
THE WORK OF
ANY HUMAN...

IT...IT
JUST...

...FELT
SIMILAR
TO HIM...
I THINK.



TETH-
TETH-
THAT'S
JUST
WHAT I
REPORT-
ED!

THAT'S NOT
ENOUGH
EVIDENCE
TO POINT
FINGERS!



THINKING
TO HIM,
THINK

HUM



DOES
THAT MEAN
IT HAS THE
WORK OF
A MONK-
ONE...?

RATTLE
カラカ...
カ...

HUM...

SO NOW
YOU ATTACK
IN BROAD
DAYLIGHT, IS
THAT IT?



FEEL
LIKE
ATTACK...



THE
SITUA-
TION'S
COMPLI-
CATED.



IT
SEEMS THE
WITNESS IS
NOW TELLING
A DIFFERENT
STORY.

YOU...

I WAS JUST
THINKING I'D
LIKE TO
SPEAK WITH
YOU.





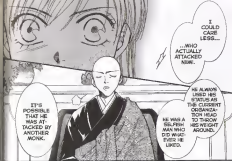
PLEASE
HAND
OVER THAT
DEMON.

WE...
...OF THE
OTSUNSI
ORGANI-
ZATION,
HAVE ONE
REQUEST.



TO
PUT IT
FRANKLY
...





I
COULD
CARE
LESS...

...WHO
ACTUALLY
ATTACKED
ME!!

HE ALWAYS
USED HIS
STATUS AS
THE CURRENT
ORGANIZA-
TION HEAD
TO THROW
HIS WEIGHT
AROUND.

HE WAS A
SELFISH
MAN WHO
DID WHATEVER
HE WANTED.

IT'S
POSSIBLE
THAT HE
WAS AT-
TACKED BY
ANOTHER
MONSTER.



THEN,
WHAT
DOES
YOUR
HAVE TO
DO WITH-

BUT IF IT
DOESN'T GET
SETTLED QUICKLY,
BY ANY MEANS
POSSIBLE, THE
VERY LIVELIHOOD
OF THIS ORGANIZA-
TION COULD BE
JEOPARDIZED.

IT'S TOO
SOON FOR
SOMETHING
LIKE THIS
TO GET
AROUND
...

...HE'S
CONCERNED
WITH THE
APPEARANCE
OF HIS COM-
PANY?

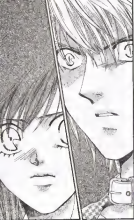
EVEN
THOUGH HIS
COLLEAGUE'S
BEEN ALIVE...

THE
MAIN
PROBLEM
FOR US
IS...

...THAT
THE RITSU-
KEI PUBLIC
ITY DEPART-
MENT HAS
NO IDEA
WHAT TO
DO...

...WITH THE
FACT THAT
HEIM WAS AT-
TACKED BY A
MONSTER.

THIS
MAN...



AS A
MEMBER OF
THE ATTACKING
PARTY, I'LL DEAL
WITH HIM.



WHA

YOU
CAN'T BE
SERIOUS

WHAT'S
THAT
SUP-
POSED
TO MEAN
IT?



WE'RE
GOING
HOME.



STAND

YOU PEOPLE
ONLY CARE
ABOUT
YOURSELVES!
NOTHING
MATTERS AS
LONG AS YOU
GET YOUR WAY
RIGHT...!!



I REFUSE
TO LISTEN
TO SUCH
UNPLEASANT
TALK ANY
LONGER.



ARE
YOU SURE
THAT'S YOUR
DECISION?



...NEITHER
DO WE HAVE
PROOF THAT
HE IS INNO-
CENT.

THOUGH
WE MAY NOT
HAVE PROOF
THAT THIS
DEMON IS
RESPONS-
IBLE FOR THE
ATTACK...

...THERE
IS NO DOUBT
THAT A
KORAN-ON
FROM THE
KANORI
HOUSEHOLD
WAS IN-
VOLVED.

EVEN
IF HIS
IDENTITY
IS UNCON-
FIRMED
...

...ARE YOU NOT
IN A POSITION TO
TAKE RESPONSIBI-
LITY FOR IT?

IF YOUR
FAMILY'S
SERVANTS
ARE GET-
TING OUT
OF HAND...

...TO
COME TO
TOKYO IN
THE FIRST
PLACE!
SE-

BESIDES
JAN-
CHAN'S
FAMILY
DON'T
HATE
HER...

THAT
HASN'T
BEEN
PROVEN?

HOW
DO
YOU

THAT'S
RIGHT!

...THE
HONORARY
MAYOR
OF TOKYO
WAS
KILLED...



DO
YOU REALLY
THINK WE WILL
ACCEPT SUCH
A CHILDISH
EXCUSE?



THAT'S
RIGHT...

THIS IS A
NEGOTIATION
BETWEEN
TWO RIVAL
ORGANIZA-
TIONS...

THIS
IS NOT
SOME
TUG-OF-
WAR OVER
A TOK.

ARE
BOTH
DIRECTLY
INVOLVED.



...THIS
COULD
TURN INTO
SOMETHING
BIGGER THAN
A PETTY
LITTLE FIGHT.

I
SHOULD
NEVER...





REFUSING
OUR
REQUEST IS
THE SAME
AS...

...THE
KAMORI
FAMILY
TAKING AIM
TOWARD THE
DETACHED
ORGANIZA-
TION.

BETWEEN
OUR ESTABLISHED
ORGANIZATION,
WHICH HAS THOUS-
SANDS OF BELIEVERS
NATIONWIDE, AND
YOUR RURAL LITTLE
SOCIETY ON
ONE SOLITARY
ISLAND...

...EVEN
A CHILD
SHOULD
KNOW WHO
HAS THE
UPPER HAND.



IF
I WERE
YOU, I'D
ORDER
THAT
DEATH...

NOW,
THEN.



...TO
SACRIFICE
HIMSELF...

...FOR
THE
FAMILY.



CLENCH

AND EVEN
THOUGH I
LEFT THE
ISLAND SO I
COULD LIVE
IN A WORLD
THAT HAD
NOTHING TO
DO WITH MY
FAMILY.

NO
MATTER
HOW
I GO.



BOOM!!!

FOR
GUTTING
THE
DEMONS



IS
THAT...

...A
COLUMN?

IT'S
COMING
FROM
THE
SACRED
IT



WHAT...

WHAT IS
THAT?

FREEZE
NINJA



WHO
ARE
YOU?



WH...



HERE
WE GO!

I HAVE SO
MUCH MORE
TO SAY,
BUT ALLOW
ME TO
SUMMARIZE

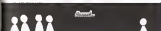
SECOND!



I AM HE
WHO SHALL
VANQUISH
DEMONS
LIKE YOU



FIRST!





THAT'S
NOT WHY
WE'RE
STARRING
OLD MAN.

YOU
YOUNG-
UNS
DIDN'T
GET IT?

UH,
LET ME
GUESS.

I MUNT?



HUN?
!?!?

UNCLE!



U...
UNCLE?



I
THOUGHT
YOU WERE
COMING
BACK NEXT
WEEK.

I CAN'T
STAND BY WHEN
MY LITTLE
PRINCESS IS
IN TROUBLE!
NO MATTER
THE DISTANCE,
EVEN SO FAR
AS THE MILKY
WAY!



I'M THE
TON-SAN
YOU'VE
HEARD
SO MUCH
ABOUT!

THE
ONE
AND
ONLY!



YOUR
SHOWING UP
HERE...

...DOESN'T
CHANGE A
THING!

YOU...
LOUD-
MOUTHED
SAKURA!



MY
AUNT

...IS
CLEVER,
CAPABLE,
AND COURAGEOUS.



I'M
SORRY,
UNCLE
...

I WAS
BEING
RECK-
LESS
...



AS I
WAS
SAYING
...

SHE'S
MY LITTLE
PRINCESS,
BUT...



GET BACK
ON TRACK,
YOU RIDICU-
LOUS OLD
MAN!

I ADMIT HER
STYLE LEAVES
SOMETHING TO
BE DESIRED,
BUT THAT'S
PART OF HER
CHARM!

NOT
TO MENTION
HER ADOR-
ABLE FACE
AND CUTE
PERSONAL-
ITY!

ADOR-
ABLE
HEART



...SHE'S
JUST A
LITTLE TOO
NERD.

...AS FAR
AS GOING
HEAD-
TO-HEAD
WITH SLY
ADULTS...

PAP



AND
SO...

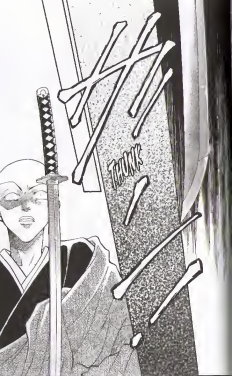


SHUT
UP!

AND YOU
ARE TOO
STUPID!









I THINK
THAT'S A
GOOD END
TO THE DAY,
DON'T YOU?



ASSETS
ARE A
GROWN-UP'S
STRENGTHEST
WEAPON.

We can get
everything* for
the lowest
of

She is
secretly what
I look about
inside...

MONEY!

YOU'VE
GONE TO
SETTLE
THIS WITH
MONEY!



SO YOU
WERE
BLUFF-
ING?

HA
HA...

HA...

NEGOTIATE?

IF YOU
THINK THIS
POCKET
MONEY IS
ENOUGH
TO GET US
TO NEGOTI-
ATE...

DON'T BE
RIDICULOUS.

A black and white manga panel. In the center, a man with long dark hair, a mustache, and a single eye patch stands holding a large sword. He is wearing a patterned jacket over a light shirt and dark pants. He looks down with a slight smirk. In the bottom right corner, a woman with short hair and a dark sailor-style uniform looks up at him with a surprised expression. The background features a building with a striped awning and several flags flying. Three speech bubbles contain dialogue.

IF YOU
THOUGHT
I WAS TRY-
ING TO BUY
YOU WITH
THIS PETTY
CASH...

...I'D
BE IN
YOUR BEST
INTERESTS
TO THINK
AGAIN.

THIS IS A
THREAT.



NOT TO MENTION
THESE
PHOTOS OF
BRANCH
DIRECTOR
TAJIMA
AT STRIP
CLUBS.

ALL
KINDS OF
HIDDEN
GOLD BARS
AND
JEWELS...

SECRET
ACCOUNT
BOOKS THAT
SHACK UP
THE EN-
SIGN...

THAT'S
RIGHT!

*Finally enough
of Baiting a
snail with an
egg to see what
he's made of.*

YOU
REALLY ARE
DEPRESSED.

AND I'LL
BE HAPPY
TO SPELL
IT OUT FOR
YOU!

YES
SIR!



...CASE
CLOSED.

I'D
GAY
THAT'S

はっ FWAAP





WE
HAVEN'T
EVEN
FIGURED
OUT WHO
ATTACKED
HERE...



THIS
IS NOT
SETTLED,
OLD MAN!

IF IT
REALLY WAS
THE WORK OF
A KONA-ONE...

AN
AURA THAT
"FELT LIKE"
MORUE...

...SOMEONE
MUST HAVE
BEEN CON-
TROLLING IT.

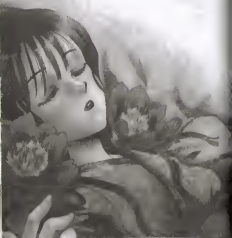
BUT
WHO?



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ドッグファイト サーティ
DOGFIGHT 30



Santa
Mitsumine
Has a Date
in the Dead
at Night at
his Filming
Location

THIS IS...

...TOO BAD...

The Lucky
Lady—
A Fellow
Class-
mate—

HUMMA...

EVER!

EVER!

THAT'S
NOT THE
PROBLEM
HERE!!

NOT TO
MENTION,
THAT'S A
HORRIBLE
ANGLE...



TO THINK
I'D BE PHO-
TOGRAPHED
IN A PLACE
LIKE THAT...

YEAH...
MY DAD.
MY DAD.



DO YOU
HAVE ANY
IDEA WHAT IT'D
MEAN IF AWAKE'S
FAMILY SAW THAT
ARTICLE?

OH
LIKE
THIS?



Y

Awake
Photograph
in a public
place like this

IF IT WERE,
IT'D HAVE
TO GO ON
THE FRONT
PAGE OF
THE GOSSIP
SECTION!

WELL, LET'S
LOOK ON THE
BRIGHT SIDE
AT LEAST
IT WASN'T
AWAKE-KAW'S
PICTURE,
EH?

YOU
THINK
THIS IS
ANY TIME
TO BE
LAUGH-
ING?





YOU UNDERSTAND WHY I CARE PERSONALLY, DON'T YOU?

I GREATLY APPRECIATE YOU COMING ALL THE WAY HERE, UNCLE—

DON'T FEIGN REMORSE!

IF IT'S ABOUT THE HORRIBLE QUALITY OF THAT PICTURE, YOU SHOULD COMPLAIN TO THE TABLOID...

WAP!

Today's school isn't just a place...

It's our destiny.

WE DON'T GRANT YOU PERMISSION TO COME TO TOKYO TO EXHIBIT SUCH SHAMEFUL BEHAVIOR!

HAVING THE SUCCESSOR OF THE KAMORI FAMILY...

...WRITTEN ABOUT IN A TABLOID!



IDIOT!
KEEP
QUIET!

WAIT A
SECOND...

WHAT TIME
PERIOD IS
THAT GUY
FROM?



But...



YOU MUST ALWAYS KEEP
YOUR FEET IN HAND
AND YOUR RESPONSE
BRIEF.

THE HEAD OF THE
KNIGHTS
ARE CHOSEN
FROM YOU
AND MUST BE
EXCEPTIONAL
HUMANS.

TO BEGIN WITH, YOU
STILL DON'T HAVE THE
NECESSARY TRAINING
TO BECOME
HEAD OF THE
KNIGHTS.

IF THE
HIGHEST
OF THE
COUNCIL
ELDERS
CAME HERE
HIMSELF...

THAT
COULD
BE WELL
ABOVE...

SO IS
SHORT...

IT IS TIME
FOR YOU TO
RETURN TO THE
ISLAND AND
FULFILL YOUR
DUTIES AS
THE HEIR



THE
TERMS
WERE THAT
IF YOUR
IDENTITY
WERE DIS-
COVERED,
YOU WOULD
RETURN
TO THE
ISLAND.



YOU
ARE THE
ONE WHO
FIRST
NEGATED
THAT
PRO-
MISE.



BUT...



IN
ADDITION

...AND
YOUR
GRAND-
MOTHER
HAS
AGREED.

THIS IS
THE WILL
OF THE
COUNCIL—
WE HAVE
DECIDED.

I WAS
PROMISED
TO ONLY
HAVE TO
TAKE UP THE
POSITION
AFTER THE
SEMPER-
ATRON



UPON YOUR
RETURN TO
THE ISLAND,
YOU AND
HAKTO WILL
MARRY.







SO YOU DON'T HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT GETTING HER MARRIED OFF.

...MFF. THAT PHOTO WAS COMPLETELY INNOCENT.

NOTHING HAS HAPPENED BETWEEN US...



THAT WHOLE THING WAS MY FAULT.



THAT'S RIGHT?

NO MATTER WHAT HAPPENED BETWEEN THEM, YOU JUST CAN'T DO THAT!

AWAKE-CHAN COMMITTED NO CRIME.



IT HAD ALWAYS BEEN DECIDED THAT HE'D MARRY WHEN SHE INHERITED THE FAMILY LINE.

AWAKE AND I HAVE BEEN betrothed FOR YEARS.



NOTHING
HAS CHANGED,
EXCEPT THE
DATE.



...I NEVER
FOUND A
CHANCE TO
MENTION IT.

LOOK,
IT'S
JUST
...



SINCE IT
WAS DECIDED
SUCH A LONG
TIME AGO, WE
NEVER RE-
ALLY TALKED
ABOUT IT.

*Answer
to the usual
question about
money...*

*The
Japanese
people...*

OH
MAYBE I...

...JUST
FOR-
GOTT?

The President's Office



...WAS
VERY
RUDE...

THAT
...

THIS
DECISION
CAME
DIRECTLY
FROM THE
COUNCIL...

DEFERANCE
WILL NOT
BE TOLER-
ATED!

AT ANY
RATE!



"See Translator's notes"



UNCLE





I THINK
I HAVE A
PRETTY
GOOD
IDEA OF
THE REAL
REASON
...

...YOU
WANT MY
LITTLE
PRINCESS
TO COME
HOME.

UNCLE
...

THE SHINING POWER OF
OUR CURRENT
HEAD OF THE
HOUSEHOLD
HAS MEANT THE
DECLINE OF
ESTABLISHED
RITUAL...

...THE
SHINE-UP
OF OUR VERY
FOUNDATIONS,
HAS IT NOT?

...AND
HAVE
COME TO
UPHOLD
TRADI-
TION AND
BUDDHIST
IDEALS.

THE
KAMORI
FAMILY
...

...IS
ONE THAT
REVELS
IN THEIR
SECLUDED
ISLAND...

THEY CAN
ONLY HIDE
AWAY FROM
THE WORLD
SO MUCH.



THE CURRENT
SITUATION IS
SO BAD THAT
THE FAMILY IS
ALMOST UNABLE
TO PRESERVE
ITSELF.



...THE
HEAD
OF THE
FAMILY IS
DYING...

TO
PUT IT
BLUNT-
LY...



...SO
OUR VERY
FOUNDA-
TIONS ARE
IN CHAOS.

...FORC-
ING US TO
BESTOW
DEATH BY
CURSES AND
OTHER SUCH
BEHIND-THE-
SCENES
JOBS...

AND ON TOP
OF THAT,
THERE WAS
OUTSIDE
INTERFER-
ENCE...

IT'S
DISAP-
POINTING

EVEN
THOUGH WE'VE
BEEN INVES-
TIGATING, WE
HAVEN'T FOUND
THE PERSON
BEHIND IT.

JUST LIKE
WITH THE
PITSLURE
ORGANIZA-
TION...

PLEASE
UNDER-
STAND
THIS,
ARAME...

NOW, IN
ORDER TO
COMMAND
THE FAMILY
...
...WE
MUST PUT
A STOP
TO THIS.

CRAP
THEN.

CLENCH

10!!
FWAP



HUH?

WHY NOT
HURRY UP
AND SUCCEED
THE INHERI-
TANCE?



YOU'RE
RIGHT!

AND
HAVING HER
OUT MAR-
RIED TOO
WOULDN'T
BE TOO BAD
EITHER!



I'LL
GO AND
MAKE THE
ARRANGE-
MENTS AT
ONCE.



WHAT
EVERY-
ONE IN THE
FAMILY
FEELS MOST
IS...

...THE
PRINCESS
NOT RETURNING
TO THE ISLAND
AND SO THERE
WILL BE NO
HEAD OF THE
HOUSEHOLD.

IF YOU
APPOINTED
A SUBSTI-
TUTE...

...SHE
COULD LIVE
ON HER
OWN UNTIL
HER GRAD-
UATION,
RIGHT?



ARE YOU
CRAZY WITH
THAT?



AWAKE.



I
CONSEN-

NO!





L...
I KNOW
I HAVE
NO RIGHT
TO SAY
ANYTHING,
BUT...



THESE
DECISIONS
AND
ARRANGE-
MENTS
MADE BY
YOUR
FAMILY

...I THINK
IT'S WISE
TO GET
MARRIED
JUST
BECAUSE
OF THAT.



I UNDER-
STAND HOW
YOU FEEL,
NISHIMA...

...BUT
EVERYONE
HAS THEIR
OWN
DUTIES.



YOU'RE
STILL
JUST
IN HIGH
SCHOOL,
RIGHT?

ATERO



AND YOU TOO, HYDRE-KUN!

SHE IS NOT A TOOL!



GETTING MADDER BECAUSE OF "DUTY" ...

...DON'T MAKE AMARE-CHAN HAPPY!



URGH!!

WAA!

WHY DON'T YOU...

SAY SOMETHING IT



E...

EASY FOR YOU TO SAY...

SHOULD I THROW A FIT OR CRY?

SHOULD I BE ANGRY?



I SHOULDN'T
HAVE
HIDDEN
IT FROM
YOU...

I'M...
I'M
SORRY.



...I'D
JUST CAUSE
TROUBLE
FOR AMARE.

IF
I DID
ANY OF
THAT...



THIS
IS NOT
ANYTHING A
MERE KOMA-
ORI HAS A
SAY IN.

BECAUSE,
I'M...

THAT'S
RIGHT.

...JUST
A COOL.

SEE THE





I'VE
BEEN
MEANING
TO ASK
YOU FOR
A WHILE...



...WOULD
YOU BE ABLE
TO SERVE
HER WITH
THE SAME
DEVOTION?



IF
AMANE-CHAN
REALLY DID
FALL FOR
SOMEONE...

...AND
MARRY
THAT PERSON
...

...AND
BECOME
ANOTHER
MAN'S
POSSESS-
ION...



YOU SAID
YOU DON'T
HAVE
ROMANTIC
FEELINGS
FOR HER ANIMATOR...

...AND
THAT
YOU'RE
JUST A
BEGNAT,
BUT...

OF
COURSE!

UNLIKE
YOU HUMANS,
JUST
STURPLING
THROUGH
YOUR LIVES
IN A FOG

...WE
UNDER-
STAND THE
REASON
FOR OUR
EXISTENCE.

I'M A
KODAMA-ONE,
DEAD W-
BEEP

NO
MATTER
WHAT
HAPPENS

...THAT
DOESN'T
CHANGE!

PROTECT-
ING AMANE
IS MY DUTY.



THAT'S
RIGHT...

THAT'S
NOTHING
I CAN DO
ABOUT IT!

YOU'RE
SAYING
THERE'S
SOME-
THING I
CAN DO?



IF I
CAN JUST
CHANGE
THIS SITU-
TION...!



WHEN
YOU LET
THE BLOOD
RUSH TO
YOUR HEAD
YOU DON'T
SEE WHERE
YOU'RE GO-
ING.

PATIENCE.





...WE CAN DO SOMETHING ABOUT THAT OTHER THING.

WE CAN'T DO ANYTHING ABOUT THE OLD LADY'S HEALTH BUT...

HAS THE KILLER?

HAHA

...THE PROB-
SURE ON AWAHE
WILL LET UP, SURE?

IF WE CAN JUST SETTLE THAT ONE IS-SURE...

...YOU JUST WANT TO STOP THAT MAG-
RASH, DON'T YOU?

SAY WHATEVER YOU LIKE...

THAT'S NOT IT!

NO!

YEP!



AND...

...WE'RE
HERE!



Just the
about
10

ANYWAY,
WE HAVE
A FACT
HERE.

FINE,
WHATEVER.

...IS STILL
TOO WEAK
TO TALK
WITH YOU.

LISTEN
TO ME

NE...
NEED-
SENSES...

WE JUST
CAME TO PAY
HIM A GET-
WELL-SOON
VISIT!



We brought
casseroles
major to help
up

DON'T
WORRY,
WE'RE NOT
GONNA EAT
HIM!



I DIDN'T
WANT TO GET
INVOLVED WITH
THAT DITZUNEI
ORGANIZATION
AGAIN BUT...

SO
WHAT
DO WE
DO?

LOOKS
LIKE IT'S
IMPOSSIBLE.

HMM...

...THE
ONLY
CLUE
WE
HAVE...

...IS HIM,
WHO HAS
ATTACKED
HIMSELF...

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Room

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AFTER ALL?



THAT'S...

SO THE ONE...

...HAD ATTACHED
TO HER
SENSEI WAST
YOU AF-
TER ALL?



...THERE
ARE
RUMORS
THAT THE
ASSASSIN
WAS SENT...
...BY
SOME-
ONE
WITHIN
THE OR-
GANIZA-
TION...

WELL
THE
TRUTH
IS...



IN OTHER
WORDS,
INTERNAL
DISSENT.
YOU MEAN?

WHO
WOULD
TARGET
HER?

I...I
DON'T
KNOW...

THAT
IS NOT
SOMETHING
TO SAY SO
THOUGHT-
LESSLY



WHAT?!

SEE,
KIM-ERU-
DA...IS NEXT
IN LINE TO
SUCCEED
OUR PRESI-
DENT.

SO
PEOPLE
ARE WON-
DERING IF
THAT'S WHY
HE'D BE A
TARGET-
ED...



WHAT
OF IT?

YOU
DID IT,
DIDN'T YOU?

WHAT
PROOF
DO YOU
HAVE?

423

IF WE
BRING
AMANE-
CHAN
HERE...

WE
DON'T
NEED
PROOF.

...SHE
COULD
MAKE
YOU
TELL
US
EVERYTHING,
USING KOTO-
DAMA!



THIS IS SO
OBVIOUSLY
A TRAP.



COME TO
THE KAN-
RON HALL
TONIGHT...

...HE
SAID.



IF YOU
THINK
THAT...

...THEN GO
WIT WITH
AMARE AND
THAT OLD
TOUR GUY.





...BLOOD.



I SMELL...



WHAT IS IT?



HUN?



THE FEELING...



ANY
HYOU-KUN?



AND...
DADA DADA







Thinking

THERE'S
NO WAY...

YOU'RE...

YOU DID
THIS?

IT
CAN'T
BE...

THE
FEELING...

Thinking

...THE
KILLER
ROMA-
OR?

Thinking

ANSWER
ME!!

DASH



It...
it felt...
similar... how...
do I put
it...





